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During this part of the book Amir goes to see Rahim Khan, Baba’s friend. Rahim Khan tells Amir that Baba slept with his Hazaran servant and had Hassan. Baba then slept with another woman to have him. This meaning Hassan and Amir both have the same father making them half brothers. He then tells Amir that Hassan and his wife had died, and his son Sohrab is stuck in an orphanage in Karteh. Rahim Khan wants Amir to go save Sohrab and bring him to Peshawar where there’s a safe orphanage for him to live. Amir takes on this task and goes to Afghanistan, a place that’s experiencing troubles, to find Sohrab. Along his journey he meets a man named Farid who is overwhelmed at how honorable Amir is, he plans the help him on his journey. Farid tells Amir that the Talibans’ rule Afghanistan and make the life for others challenging. People are steeping as low as selling their legs for money to support their families. Amir starts to realize that the life in Afghanistan is horrible and he desperately wants to find Sohrab to set him free from this. As they reach the orphanage where Sohrab is they find out that once in a while a child is sold to a Taliban for money. The money is used to support the orphanage. However, some children experience sexual abuse and don’t always come back. Sadly, Sohrab is the one child that had just been taken away by a Taliban. Amir goes to talk to the Talibans’ and finds out that the main man that took Sohrab is Assef, his childhood enemy. Assef is the same man that as boy raped Hassan. Amir and Assef fight and Sohrab slings a slingshot in Assefs eye so he and Amir can run away.   
 This part of the book was a huge eye opening for me! I never would have guessed that Hassan and Amir were half brothers. I love how this part of the book threw in twists to keep you hanging on. As I read this part of the book I was disgusted with the things the Talibans’ were doing. It was hard to read that Sohrab was being sexually abused by the same man that sexually abused his father. When I found this out I felt such angst towards Assef. This was the best part of the book by far because he gave author the truth of how bad things were for the people in Afghanistan during this time. This part of the book got me thinking about some of the genocides that were going on as well.   
 When understanding human nature, one must know that Hassan continued to write letters to Amir even though Amir spoke rude to him the last time they talked. It’s Hassan’s human nature to want to act like nothing happened. Hassan is a positive person who never got upset. In this part of the book, Amir is in Peshawar with Rahim Khan as he reads Hassan’s letters. Amir notices that Hassan still cared about him and missed him. Even though Hassan never knew about their brother hood, the brotherhood bond was still present between the too. Both Hassan and Amir all along had this human nature that there was more than just friendship between them. Even though they didn’t know they were brothers, sometimes human nature can bring two people together.   
 When understanding human roles and behavior, one must know that Amir never understood why Baba didn’t care for him as much as Hassan. It’s been a long battle for him. In this part of the book we figure out that Baba is the father of Hassan. He deeply loves Hassan and that is why he always compared Hassan to Amir. Baba’s behavior was hurtful to Amir but he couldn’t help it because Hassan played a role as being Baba’s first son. However, because Hassan is a Hazaran, Baba could never admit it. Baba loved Hassan because they were so much alike. So when he had Amir his behavior was cold and harsh because he wanted to show off Hassan as his son as well.  
 When understanding human ideals, one notices that humans seek perfection. Amir felt guilt for not standing up for Hassan when they were little. So, when the time came to help Hassan’s son, Amir helped to gain some harmony within himself again. As Amir says, “I was afraid that I’d let the waters carry me away from what I had to do. From Hassan. From the past that had come calling. And from this one last chance at redemption” (page 231). This was Amir’s last chance to change the past. Amir’s human ideal was to fix the wrong things he’s done to Hassan in the past.